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CAN YOU IMAGINE BATMAN OBEYING THE EVERY WISH OF ANOTHER MAN? CAN YOU IMAGINE THE CAPED-CRIME-FIGHTER TURNING AGAINST ROBIN, BECAUSE ANOTHER MAN HAS WILLED HIM TO DO SO? WHAT AN IMPOSSIBLE THOUGHT!... AND YET, THIS IS EXACTLY THE OUTCOME OF THE APPEARANCE OF..
BATMAN'S MASTER
BATMAN--YOU WILL SEIZE ROBIN AND LEAP INTO THE VAT BELOW! YOU WILL OBEY ME--NOW!
YES... I--I WILL OBEY!
NO, BATMAN--NO!

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IN HIS SECRET LABORATORY, RENEGADE SCIENTIST DORIAN PERFECTS HIS LATEST INVENTION FOR CRIME, WHEN...
BOSS, BATMAN'S COMIN'! I CAN SEE HIM ON YOUR VIDEO-ALARM SCREEN!
SO, HE'S FINALLY DISCOVERED MY HIDEOUT! WELL--HAVE NO FEAR... I'LL STOP HIM WITH MY ROCKET-RAM!
AS THE DOOR CRASHES INWARD, THE SCIENTIST PRESSES A BUTTON...
NOW!
WHRAM
INSTANTLY, THE ROCKET-RAM HURTLES FORWARD, AND...
WHUMP
BOSS, YOU GOT HIM! YOU GOT BATMAN!
YES, BATMAN'S STRONG--BUT NOT EVEN HE COULD SURVIVE THAT TERRIBLE IMPACT! HE'S DEAD... BATMAN'S DEAD!
NOW, BEFORE WE GET RID OF THE BODY, I WANT TO SATISFY MY CURIOSITY! I WANT TO REMOVE THAT COWL AND SEE BATMAN'S SECRET IDENTITY!
HUH?
WHAT??
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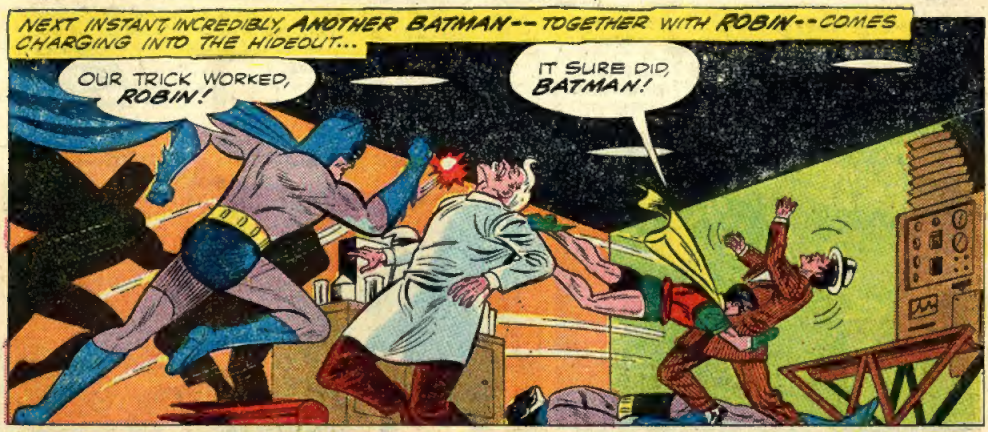
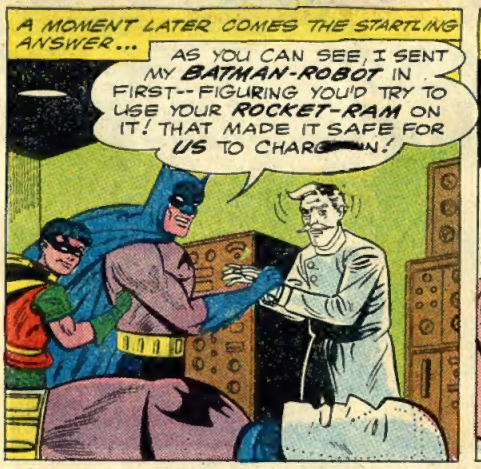
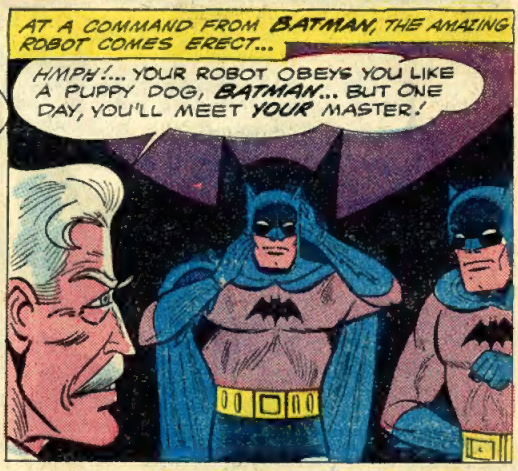
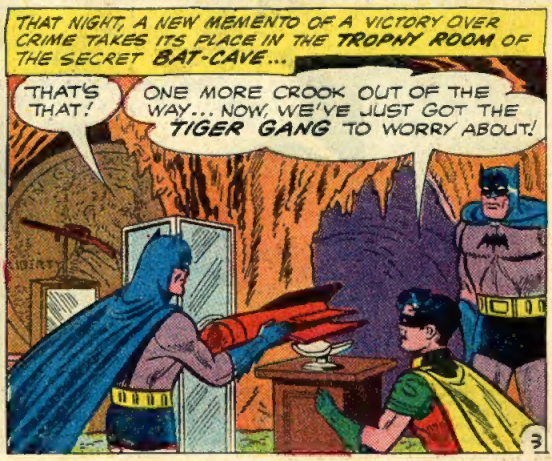

NEXT INSTANT, INCREDIBLY, ANOTHER BATMAN -- TOGETHER WITH ROBIN -- COMES CHARGING INTO THE HIDEOUT...
OUR TRICK WORKED, ROBIN!
IT SURE DID, BATMAN!


A MOMENT LATER COMES THE STARTLING ANSWER...
AS YOU CAN SEE, I SENT MY BATMAN-ROBOT IN FIRST -- FIGURING YOU'D TRY TO USE YOUR ROCKET-RAM ON IT! THAT MADE IT SAFE FOR US TO CHARGE IN!


AT A COMMAND FROM BATMAN, THE AMAZING ROBOT COMES ERECT...
HMPH!... YOUR ROBOT OBEYS YOU LIKE A PUPPY DOG, BATMAN... BUT ONE DAY, YOU'LL MEET YOUR MASTER!

YES -- ONE DAY, YOU'LL MEET A CRIMINAL WHO'S SMARTER THAN YOU -- A CRIMINAL WHO WILL MAKE YOU LOOK LIKE A FOOL ROBOT! IT'LL HAPPEN -- MARK MY WORDS!


THAT NIGHT, A NEW MEMENTO OF A VICTORY OVER CRIME TAKES ITS PLACE IN THE TROPHY ROOM OF THE SECRET BAT-CAVE...
THAT'S THAT!
ONE MORE CROOK OUT OF THE WAY... NOW, WE'VE JUST GOT THE TIGER GANG TO WORRY ABOUT!

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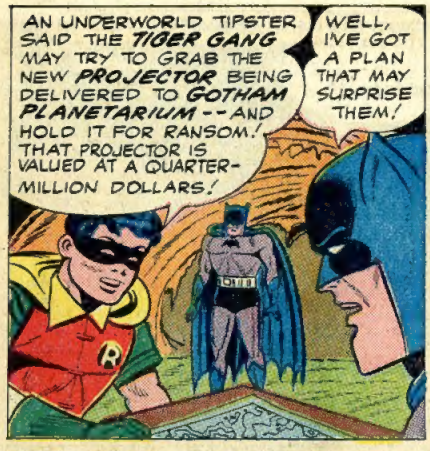
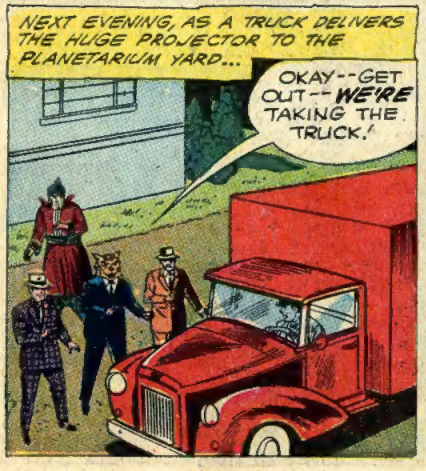
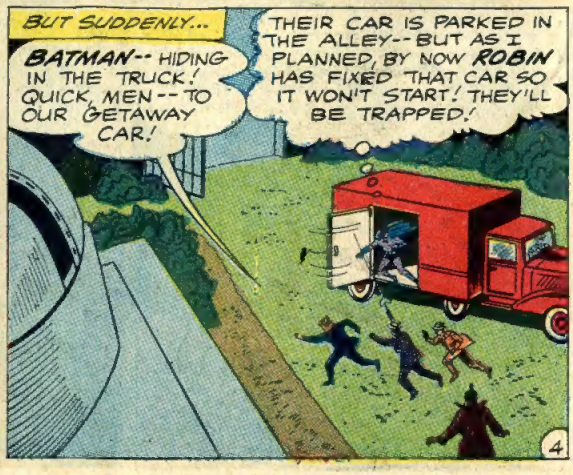

AN UNDERWORLD TIPSTER SAID THE TIGER GANG MAY TRY TO GRAB THE NEW PROJECTOR BEING DELIVERED TO GOTHAM PLANETARIUM -- AND HOLD IT FOR RANSOM! THAT PROJECTOR IS VALUED AT A QUARTER-MILLION DOLLARS!
WELL, I'VE GOT A PLAN THAT MAY SURPRISE THEM!

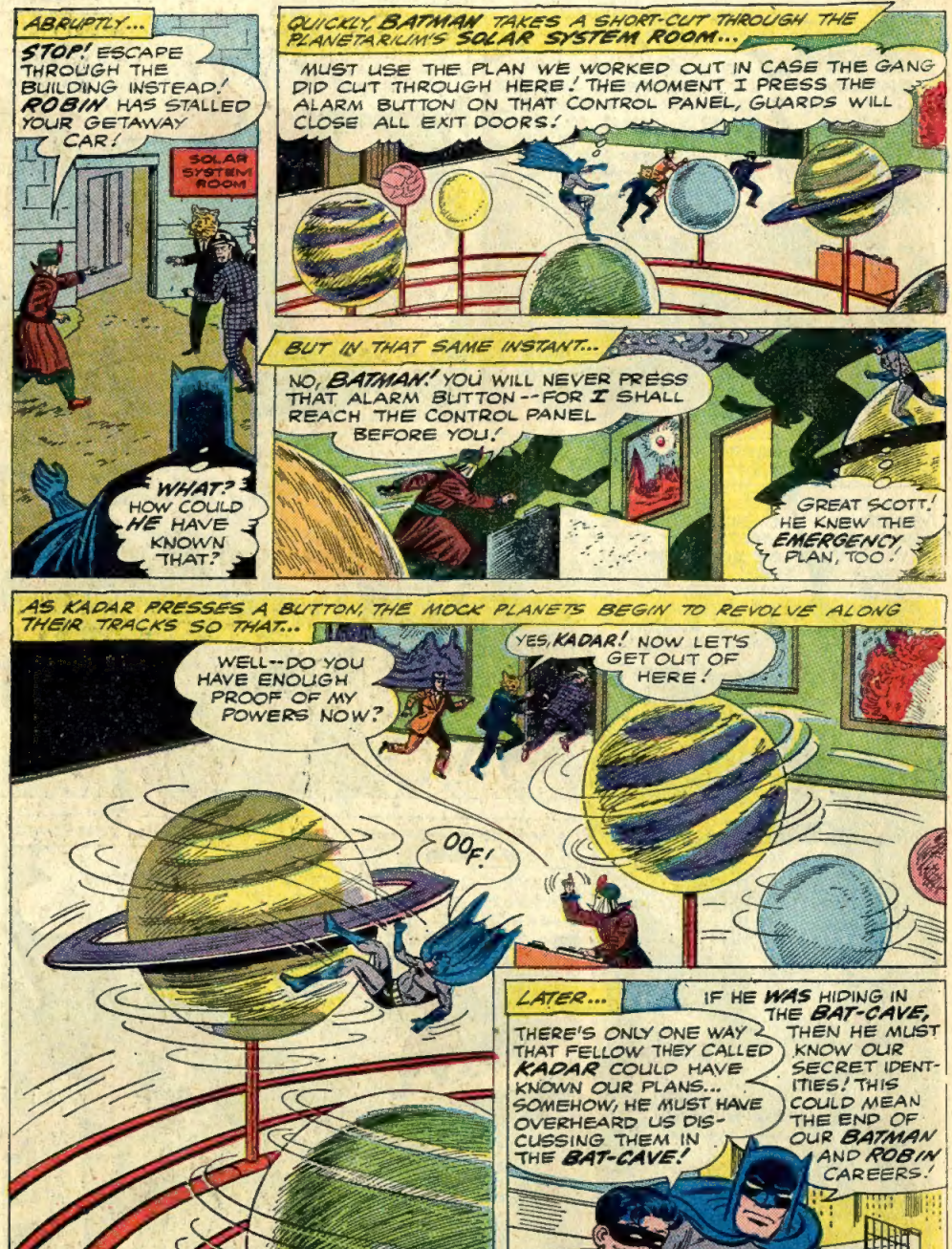
IT IS LATER THAT NIGHT, WHEN A BIZARRE FIGURE STRIDES INTO AN UNDERWORLD HANGOUT...
I MUST SPEAK TO THE TIGER! I WANT TO WARN HIM THAT BATMAN HAS PLANNED TO TRAP HIM WHEN HE ATTEMPTS TO STEAL THE PLANETARIUM PROJECTOR!
HUH? OKAY--WE'LL BLINDFOLD YOU AND TAKE YOU TO HIS HIDEOUT! THE BOSS WILL WANT TO TALK TO YOU!

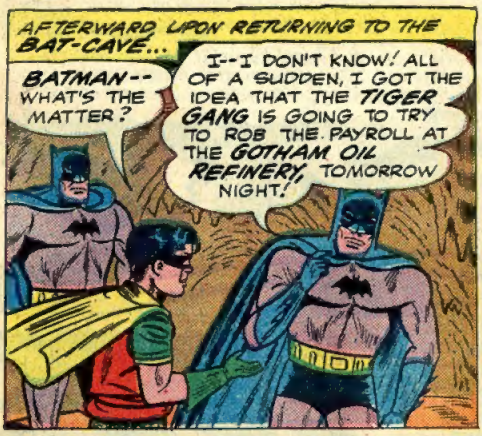
SOON AFTER, THE CHIEF OF THE TIGER GANG FACES THE STRANGER...
WHO ARE YOU?
MY NAME IS KADAR! I POSSESS THE SECRET POWER OF THE ANCIENTS! MY BRAIN WAVES ARE ATTUNED TO BATMAN'S THOUGHTS... I CAN READ BATMAN'S MIND!

I DON'T BELIEVE IT!
INDEED? THEN TOMORROW NIGHT, I SHALL GO WITH YOU-- AND HELP YOU ELUDE CAPTURE BY ANTICIPATING BATMAN'S EVERY MOVE! AND FOR MY PRICE, I SEEK NO REWARD--EXCEPT FOR ALL THE WORLD TO KNOW THAT I AM BATMAN'S MASTER!

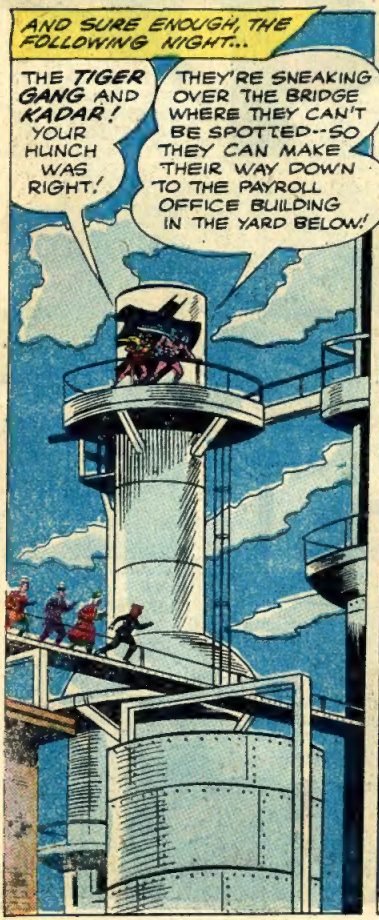



BUT SUDDENLY...
BATMAN--HIDING IN THE TRUCK! QUICK, MEN--TO OUR GETAWAY CAR!
THEIR CAR IS PARKED IN THE ALLEY--BUT AS I PLANNED, BY NOW ROBIN HAS FIXED THAT CAR SO IT WON'T START! THEY'LL BE TRAPPED!

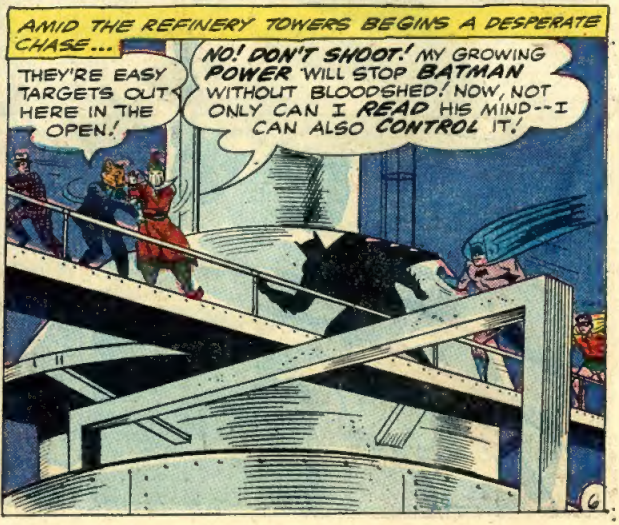

ABRUPTLY...
STOP! ESCAPE THROUGH THE BUILDING INSTEAD! ROBIN HAS STALLED YOUR GETAWAY CAR!
SOLAR SYSTEM ROOM
WHAT? HOW COULD HE HAVE KNOWN THAT?
QUICKLY, BATMAN TAKES A SHORT-CUT THROUGH THE PLANETARIUM'S SOLAR SYSTEM ROOM...
MUST USE THE PLAN WE WORKED OUT IN CASE THE GANG DID CUT THROUGH HERE! THE MOMENT I PRESS THE ALARM BUTTON ON THAT CONTROL PANEL, GUARDS WILL CLOSE ALL EXIT DOORS!
BUT IN THAT SAME INSTANT...
NO, BATMAN! YOU WILL NEVER PRESS THAT ALARM BUTTON--FOR I SHALL REACH THE CONTROL PANEL BEFORE YOU!
GREAT SCOTT! HE KNEW THE EMERGENCY PLAN, TOO!
AS KADAR PRESSES A BUTTON, THE MOCK PLANETS BEGIN TO REVOLVE ALONG THEIR TRACKS SO THAT...
WELL--DO YOU HAVE ENOUGH PROOF OF MY POWERS NOW?
YES, KADAR! NOW LET'S GET OUT OF HERE!
OOF!
LATER...
IF HE WAS HIDING IN THE BAT-CAVE, THEN HE MUST KNOW OUR SECRET IDENTITIES! THIS COULD MEAN THE END OF OUR BATMAN AND ROBIN CAREERS!
THERE'S ONLY ONE WAY THAT FELLOW THEY CALLED KADAR COULD HAVE KNOWN OUR PLANS... SOMEHOW, HE MUST HAVE OVERHEARD US DISCUSSING THEM IN THE BAT-CAVE!

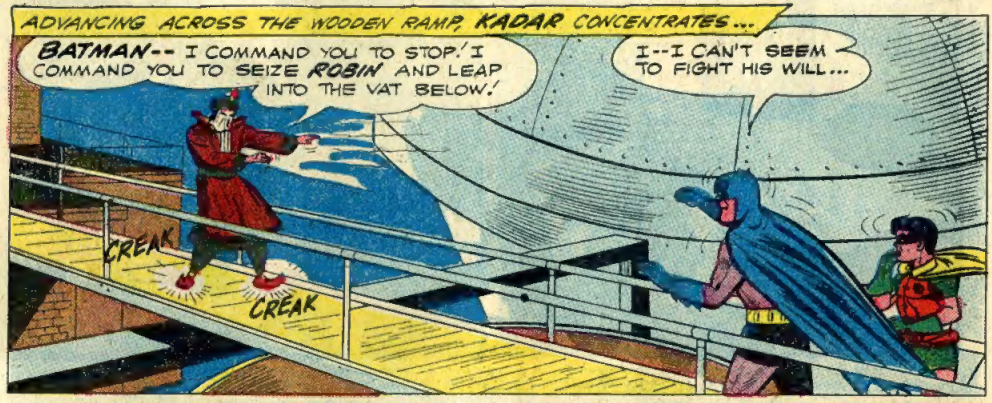

AFTERWARD UPON RETURNING TO THE BAT-CAVE...
BATMAN--WHAT'S THE MATTER?
I--I DON'T KNOW! ALL OF A SUDDEN, I GOT THE IDEA THAT THE TIGER GANG IS GOING TO TRY TO ROB THE PAYROLL AT THE GOTHAM OIL REFINERY, TOMORROW NIGHT!

WELL...IT ISN'T THE FIRST HUNCH YOU'VE EVER HAD ABOUT A POSSIBLE CRIME!
THAT'S TRUE...JUST TO PLAY SAFE, WE'LL GO TO THE REFINERY TOMORROW NIGHT!


AND SURE ENOUGH, THE FOLLOWING NIGHT...
THE TIGER GANG AND KADAR! YOUR HUNCH WAS RIGHT!
THEY'RE SNEAKING OVER THE BRIDGE WHERE THEY CAN'T BE SPOTTED--SO THEY CAN MAKE THEIR WAY DOWN TO THE PAYROLL OFFICE BUILDING IN THE YARD BELOW!

INSTANTLY, THE CRIME-FIGHTERS LAUNCH A SURPRISE ATTACK...
BATMAN AND ROBIN!
NEVER MIND THE HIRELINGS, ROBIN... IT'S THE TIGER AND KADAR WE WANT!


AMID THE REFINERY TOWERS BEGINS A DESPERATE CHASE...
THEY'RE EASY TARGETS OUT HERE IN THE OPEN!
NO! DON'T SHOOT! MY GROWING POWER WILL STOP BATMAN WITHOUT BLOODSHED! NOW, NOT ONLY CAN I READ HIS MIND--I CAN ALSO CONTROL IT!


ADVANCING ACROSS THE WOODEN RAMP, KADAR CONCENTRATES...
BATMAN-- I COMMAND YOU TO STOP! I COMMAND YOU TO SEIZE ROBIN AND LEAP INTO THE VAT BELOW!
I--I CAN'T SEEM TO FIGHT HIS WILL...
CREAK
CREAK

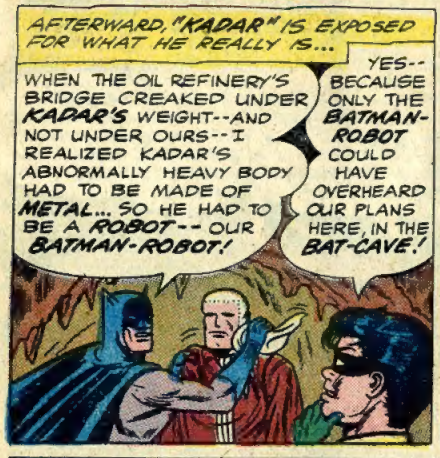
AS IF IN A DAZE, BATMAN OBEYS KADAR'S COMMAND...
NO, BATMAN... NO-000-000!

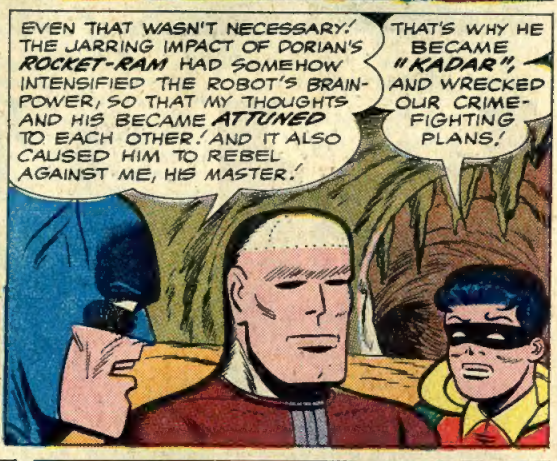
BELOW, THE OIL BREAKS THE FALL OF THE PLUNGING DUO...
TOO BAD THAT VAT WASN'T EMPTY! THEY WEREN'T EVEN HURT!
WHO CARES? I'VE SUCCEEDED IN MY PLAN--TO RUIN BATMAN'S REPUTATION!

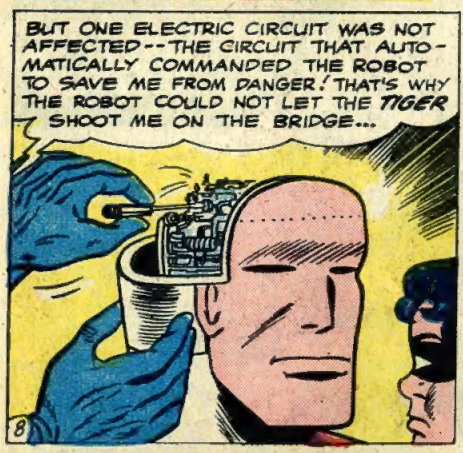
LATER...
GOSH, BATMAN--IT SEEMS THAT KADAR ACTUALLY IS YOUR MASTER! HE REALLY MADE YOU OBEY HIM!
YES, ROBIN--BUT I NOW KNOW HOW HE GOT HIS STRANGE POWER... AND I ALSO KNOW WHO KADAR IS!

THAT SAME NIGHT, AFTER KADAR MAKES HIS WAY TO THE TIGER'S SECRET LAIR...
BATMAN AND ROBIN!
YES, KADAR... WE COULD HAVE GRABBED YOU BEFORE, BUT WE LET YOU GO--SO YOU COULD LEAD US RIGHT TO YOUR FRIENDS!

NOW THAT I KNOW THE TIGER GANG'S HIDEOUT, THEY DARE NOT LET ME LIVE! YOU MUST SAVE MY LIFE BY FIGHTING THEM!
YES--I MUST LET NO HARM COME TO YOU!
WHAT??


AFTERWARD, "KADAR" IS EXPOSED FOR WHAT HE REALLY IS...
WHEN THE OIL REFINERY'S BRIDGE CREAKED UNDER KADAR'S WEIGHT -- AND NOT UNDER OURS -- I REALIZED KADAR'S ABNORMALLY HEAVY BODY HAD TO BE MADE OF METAL... SO HE HAD TO BE A ROBOT -- OUR BATMAN-ROBOT!
YES -- BECAUSE ONLY THE BATMAN-ROBOT COULD HAVE OVERHEARD OUR PLANS HERE, IN THE BAT-CAVE!


EVEN THAT WASN'T NECESSARY! THE JARRING IMPACT OF DORIAN'S ROCKET-RAM HAD SOMEHOW INTENSIFIED THE ROBOT'S BRAIN-POWER, SO THAT MY THOUGHTS AND HIS BECAME ATTUNED TO EACH OTHER! AND IT ALSO CAUSED HIM TO REBEL AGAINST ME, HIS MASTER!
THAT'S WHY HE BECAME "KADAR", AND WRECKED OUR CRIME-FIGHTING PLANS!


BUT ONE ELECTRIC CIRCUIT WAS NOT AFFECTED -- THE CIRCUIT THAT AUTOMATICALLY COMMANDED THE ROBOT TO SAVE ME FROM DANGER! THAT'S WHY THE ROBOT COULD NOT LET THE TIGER SHOOT ME ON THE BRIDGE...
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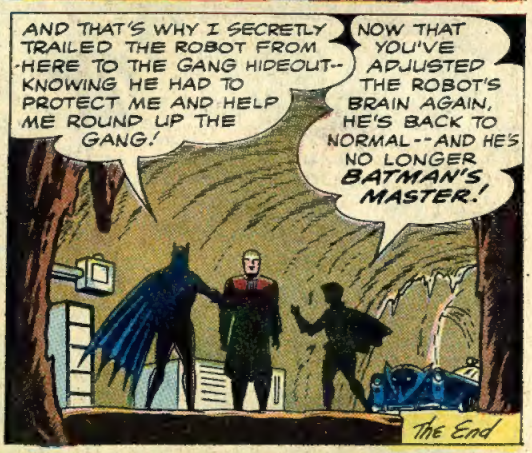
AND THAT'S WHY I SECRETLY TRAILED THE ROBOT FROM HERE TO THE GANG HIDEOUT -- KNOWING HE HAD TO PROTECT ME AND HELP ME ROUND UP THE GANG!
NOW THAT YOU'VE ADJUSTED THE ROBOT'S BRAIN AGAIN, HE'S BACK TO NORMAL -- AND HE'S NO LONGER BATMAN'S MASTER!
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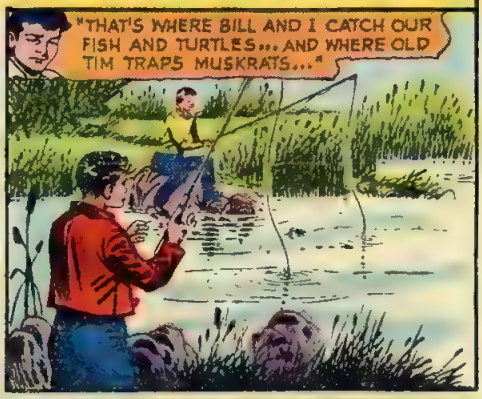
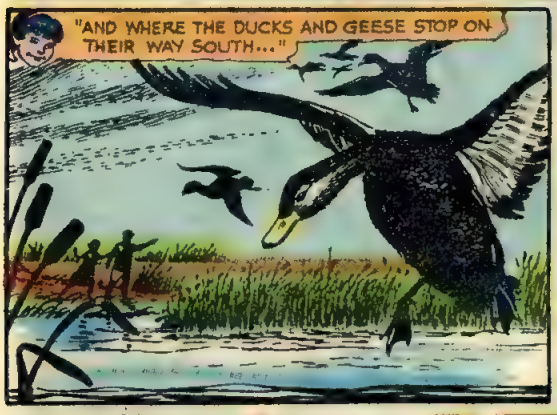
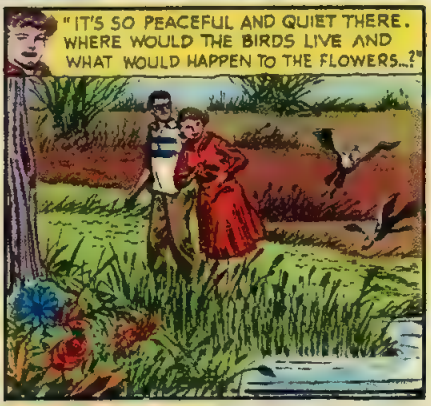
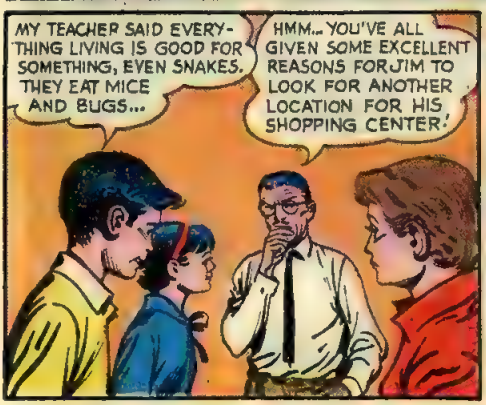
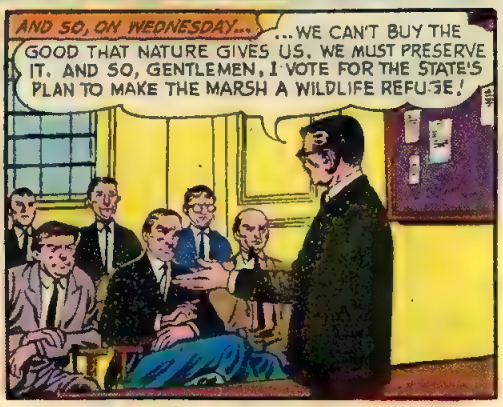
JIM ASKED ME TO HELP HIM AT THE MAYOR'S MEETING WEDNESDAY. THE STATE WANTS TO MAKE THAT MARSHY AREA AT FOUR CORNERS INTO A WILDLIFE REFUGE, BUT JIM WANTS TO FILL IT IN FOR A SHOPPING CENTER!
OH, NO -- YOU CAN'T!








MY TEACHER SAID EVERY-THING LIVING IS GOOD FOR SOMETHING, EVEN SNAKES. THEY EAT MICE AND BUGS...
HMM... YOU'VE ALL GIVEN SOME EXCELLENT REASONS FOR JIM TO LOOK FOR ANOTHER LOCATION FOR HIS SHOPPING CENTER!


AND SO, ON WEDNESDAY...
...WE CAN'T BUY THE GOOD THAT NATURE GIVES US. WE MUST PRESERVE IT. AND SO, GENTLEMEN, I VOTE FOR THE STATE'S PLAN TO MAKE THE MARSH A WILDLIFE REFUGE!

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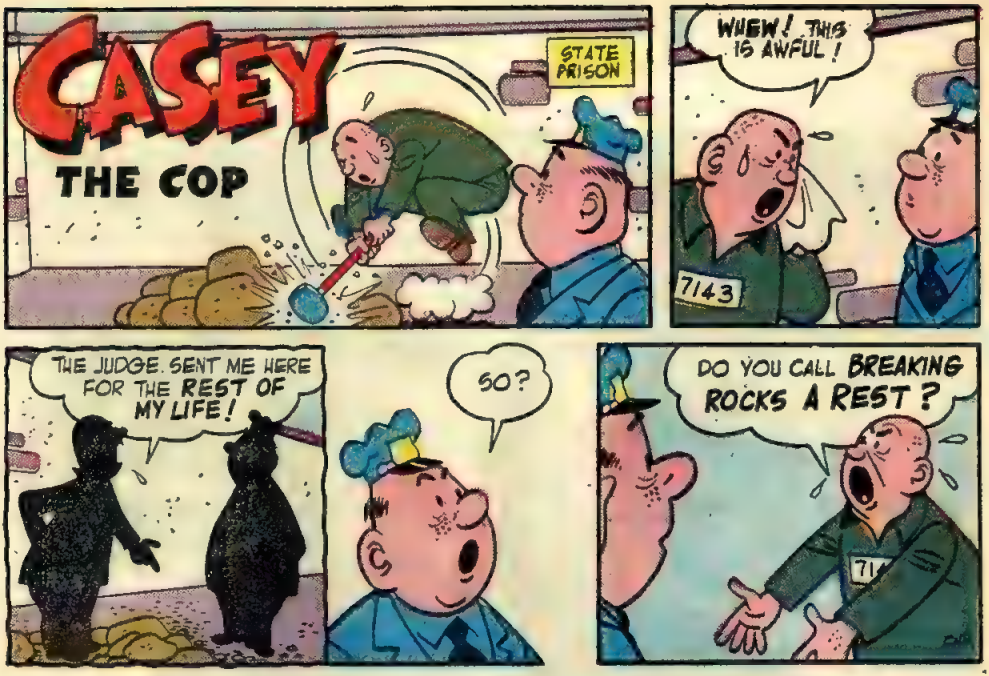

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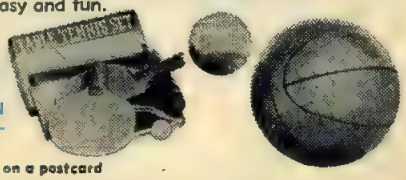

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BATMAN AND ROBIN

REMEMBER THE RHYMES ABOUT **SIMPLE SIMON**, WHICH SHOWED POOR **SIMON** TO BE SO SIMPLE, HE ALWAYS DID THINGS WRONG? NOW--A NOT-SO-**SIMPLE SIMON** USES THOSE RIDICULOUS RHYMES FOR CRIMES... UNTIL **BATMAN** AND **ROBIN** COME TO GRIPS WITH THIS TRICKY HICK AND PUT A STOP TO...

the SIMPLE CRIMES of SIMPLE SIMON

GREAT SCOTT! **BATMAN** AND **SIMPLE SIMON** ARE FIGHTING ON THE WHALE **SIMPLE SIMON** FISHED OUT OF A PAIL!

BOB KANE

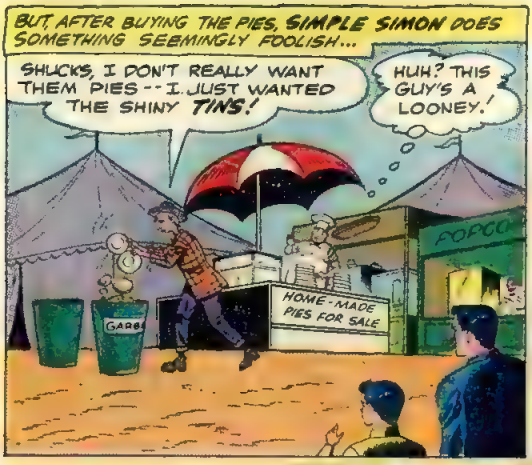
AMONG THE VISITORS AT A COUNTRY FAIR ARE BRUCE WAYNE AND HIS WARD, DICK GRAYSON...

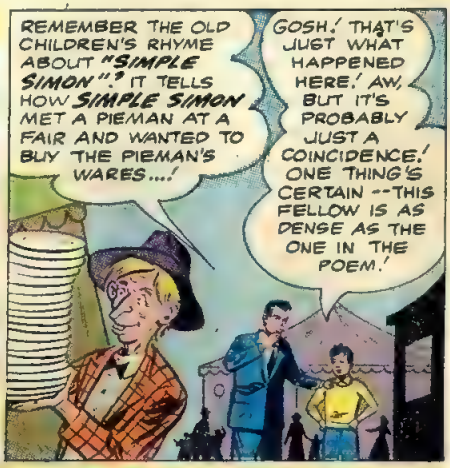
BRUCE, LOOK AT THAT CHARACTER! WHAT A GETUP!

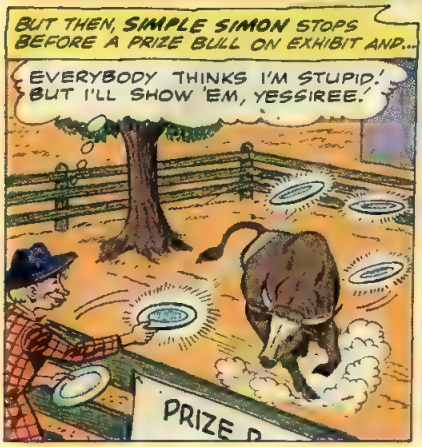
MAYBE HE'S ONE OF THE ENTERTAINERS HERE!

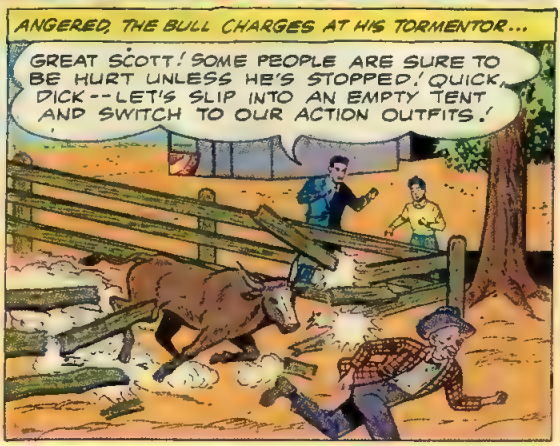
HULLO, MISTER! SIMON'S MY NAME -- BUT MY FRIENDS CALL ME **SIMPLE SIMON** ON ACCOUNT OF I'M SO STUPID! ;HAW; I WANT TO BUY YOUR WARES-- **ALL** OF 'EM!

ALL MY PIES?!!

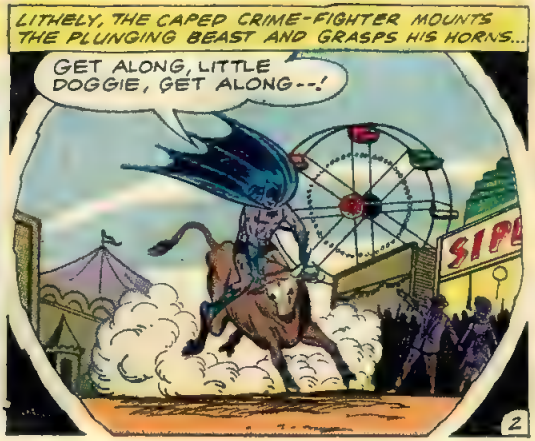

BUT, AFTER BUYING THE PIES, SIMPLE SIMON DOES SOMETHING SEEMINGLY FOOLISH...
SHUCKS, I DON'T REALLY WANT THEM PIES -- I JUST WANTED THE SHINY TINS!
HUH? THIS GUY'S A LOONEY.
POPCO
HOME-MADE PIES FOR SALE
GARB


REMEMBER THE OLD CHILDREN'S RHYME ABOUT "SIMPLE SIMON"? IT TELLS HOW SIMPLE SIMON MET A PIEMAN AT A FAIR AND WANTED TO BUY THE PIEMAN'S WARES...!
GOSH! THAT'S JUST WHAT HAPPENED HERE! AW, BUT IT'S PROBABLY JUST A COINCIDENCE! ONE THING'S CERTAIN -- THIS FELLOW IS AS DENSE AS THE ONE IN THE POEM!


BUT THEN, SIMPLE SIMON STOPS BEFORE A PRIZE BULL ON EXHIBIT AND...
EVERYBODY THINKS I'M STUPID! BUT I'LL SHOW 'EM, YESSIREE!
PRIZE


ANGERED, THE BULL CHARGES AT HIS TORMENTOR...
GREAT SCOTT! SOME PEOPLE ARE SURE TO BE HURT UNLESS HE'S STOPPED! QUICK, DICK -- LET'S SLIP INTO AN EMPTY TENT AND SWITCH TO OUR ACTION OUTFITS!

MOMENTS LATER, THEY EMERGE AS THE FAMED BATMAN AND ROBIN, THE BOY WONDER...
I'LL TRY TO STEER HIM AWAY FROM THE CROWD! YOU GO AFTER SIMPLE SIMON!


LITHELY, THE CAPED CRIME-FIGHTER MOUNTS THE PLUNGING BEAST AND GRASPS HIS HORNS...
GET ALONG, LITTLE DOGGIE, GET ALONG --!

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THEN, HAVING MANEUVERED THE BULL TO SAFETY...
NOW TO TIE HIS LEGS WITH MY BAT-ROPE! WONDER HOW ROBIN IS MAKING OUT?
ROBIN, AT THAT MOMENT, IS GETTING THE SURPRISE OF HIS LIFE AS HE OBSERVES...
SO--HE STARTED THE PANIC IN ORDER TO ROB THE FAIR'S GATE RECEIPTS DURING THE CONFUSION! HE'S NOT SO SIMPLE, AFTER ALL!
SHUCKS! IT'S THAT ROBIN FELLER AND HE'S ON MY TRAIL LIKE A HOUN' DOG!
ADM
RACING AHEAD, HE ABRUPTLY BOARDS A CAROUSEL, AND...
GIDDYAP, HOSSIE! LET'S GIT A-GOIN'!
IS HE CRAZY? ALL THAT "HORSE" WILL DO IS GO 'ROUND AND 'ROUND! HE CAN'T GET AWAY FROM ME THAT WAY!
BUT, SUDDENLY, THE INGENIOUS "IDIOT" TAPS A SECRET SWITCH ON THE STATIONARY STEED, AND...
WINGS--WITH JETS--POPPED OUT! HE MUST'VE ARRANGED THAT LAST NIGHT BEFORE THE FAIR OPENED, TO GET AWAY IN AN EMERGENCY!
YEP--I KNOW HOW TO TINKER WITH THEM SCIENCE GADGETS! HAW!
WHOOSH
LATER, WHEN ROBIN REJOINS BATMAN...
WE'VE GOT A CUNNING CROOK ON OUR HANDS--ONE WHO IMPROVISES ON THE FAMILIAR RHYMES OF "SIMPLE SIMON"!
ONLY UNLIKE "SIMPLE SIMON," HE PULLS A SMART CRIME! WELL--WE'LL OUT-SMART HIM NEXT TIME!
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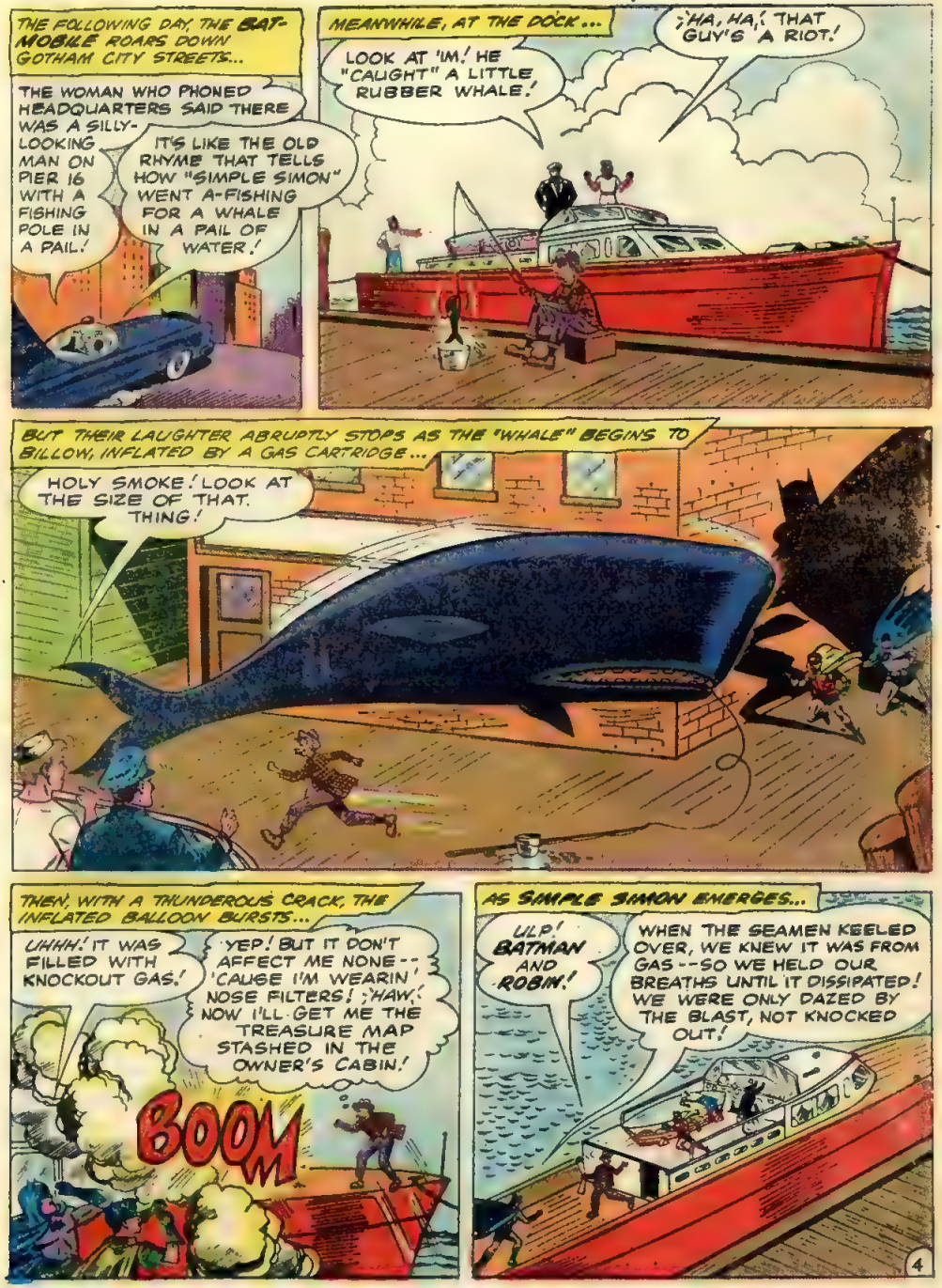
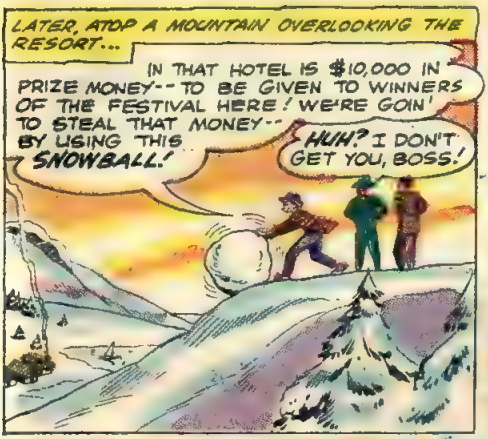
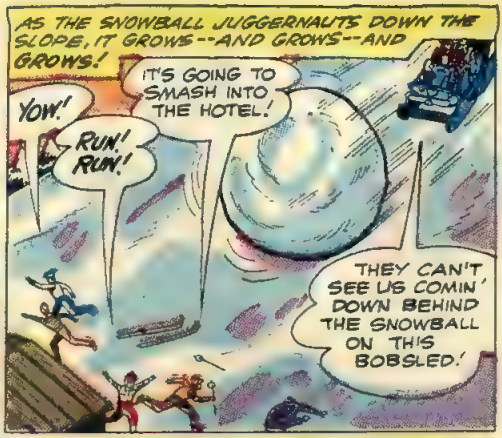
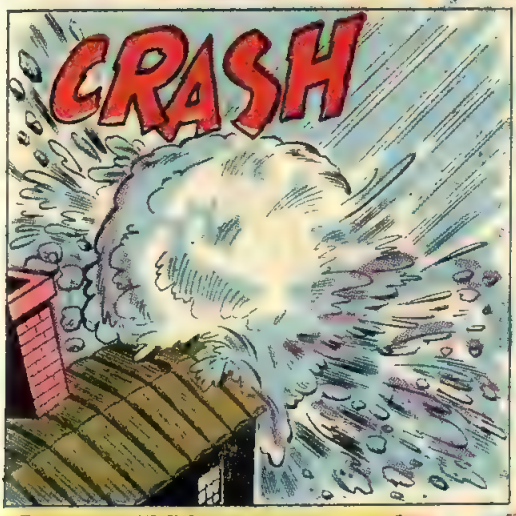

THE FOLLOWING DAY, THE BAT-MOBILE ROARS DOWN GOTHAM CITY STREETS...
THE WOMAN WHO PHONED HEADQUARTERS SAID THERE WAS A SILLY-LOOKING MAN ON PIER 16 WITH A FISHING POLE IN A PAIL!
IT'S LIKE THE OLD RHYME THAT TELLS HOW "SIMPLE SIMON" WENT A-FISHING FOR A WHALE IN A PAIL OF WATER!
MEANWHILE, AT THE DOCK...
LOOK AT 'IM! HE "CAUGHT" A LITTLE RUBBER WHALE!
;HA, HA,! THAT GUY'S A RIOT!
BUT THEIR LAUGHTER ABRUPTLY STOPS AS THE "WHALE" BEGINS TO BILLOW, INFLATED BY A GAS CARTRIDGE...
HOLY SMOKE! LOOK AT THE SIZE OF THAT THING!
THEN, WITH A THUNDEROUS CRACK, THE INFLATED BALLOON BURSTS...
UHHH! IT WAS FILLED WITH KNOCKOUT GAS!
YEP! BUT IT DON'T AFFECT ME NONE -- 'CAUSE I'M WEARIN' NOSE FILTERS! ;HAW,! NOW I'LL GET ME THE TREASURE MAP STASHED IN THE OWNER'S CABIN!
BOOM
AS SIMPLE SIMON EMERGES...
ULP! BATMAN AND ROBIN!
WHEN THE SEAMEN KEELED OVER, WE KNEW IT WAS FROM GAS -- SO WE HELD OUR BREATHS UNTIL IT DISSIPATED! WE WERE ONLY DAZED BY THE BLAST, NOT KNOCKED OUT!

THIS WILL HELP YOU GO BACK INSIDE AND RETURN THAT!
BUT AS SIMPLE SIMON STAGGERS BACK, HE RELEASES ANOTHER MINIATURE, WHICH SWELLS WITHIN SECONDS...
IT--IT'S PUSHED US OFF THE YACHT!
THIS ONE IS FILLED WITH LIGHTER-THAN-AIR GAS! SO LONG, FELLERS--HAVE A GOOD SWIM! ;HAW!
THAT SLIP OF PAPER...WHICH DROPPED OUT OF HIS POCKET... MUST RETRIEVE IT...
HMM! SIMPLE SIMON MUST HAVE BEEN DOODLING! "NEXT" OBVIOUSLY REFERS TO HIS NEXT ROBBERY! BUT HOW DOES THIS DOODLE APPLY TO IT?
Next!
IT IS NOT UNTIL NEXT MORNING IN THE BAT-CAVE THAT BATMAN FINALLY DECIPHERS THE CLUE...
OF COURSE! THE "X" MEANS CROSSED SKIS! FIVE JOINED CIRCLES IS THE OLYMPIC GAMES EMBLEM! SIMPLE SIMON'S NEXT JOB IS A WINTER RESORT WHERE TRYOUTS FOR THE WINTER GAMES ONCE WERE HELD!
RIGHT... AND IT'S NOT TOO FAR FROM HERE!


LATER, ATOP A MOUNTAIN OVERLOOKING THE RESORT...
IN THAT HOTEL IS $10,000 IN PRIZE MONEY--TO BE GIVEN TO WINNERS OF THE FESTIVAL HERE! WE'RE GOIN' TO STEAL THAT MONEY--BY USING THIS SNOWBALL!
HUH? I DON'T GET YOU, BOSS!


AS THE SNOWBALL JUGGERNAUTS DOWN THE SLOPE, IT GROWS--AND GROWS--AND GROWS!
IT'S GOING TO SMASH INTO THE HOTEL!
YOW!
RUN! RUN!
THEY CAN'T SEE US COMIN' DOWN BEHIND THE SNOWBALL ON THIS BOBSLED!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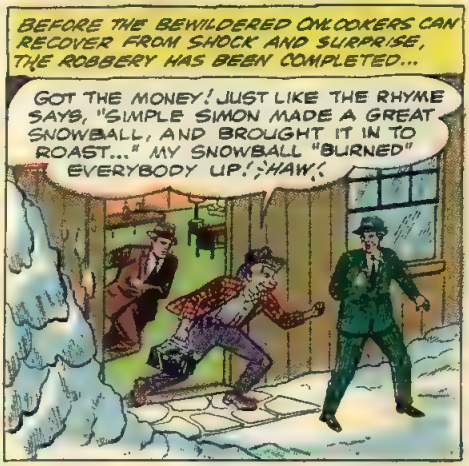
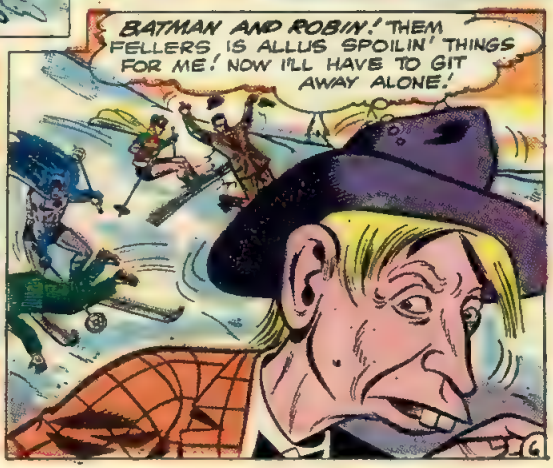
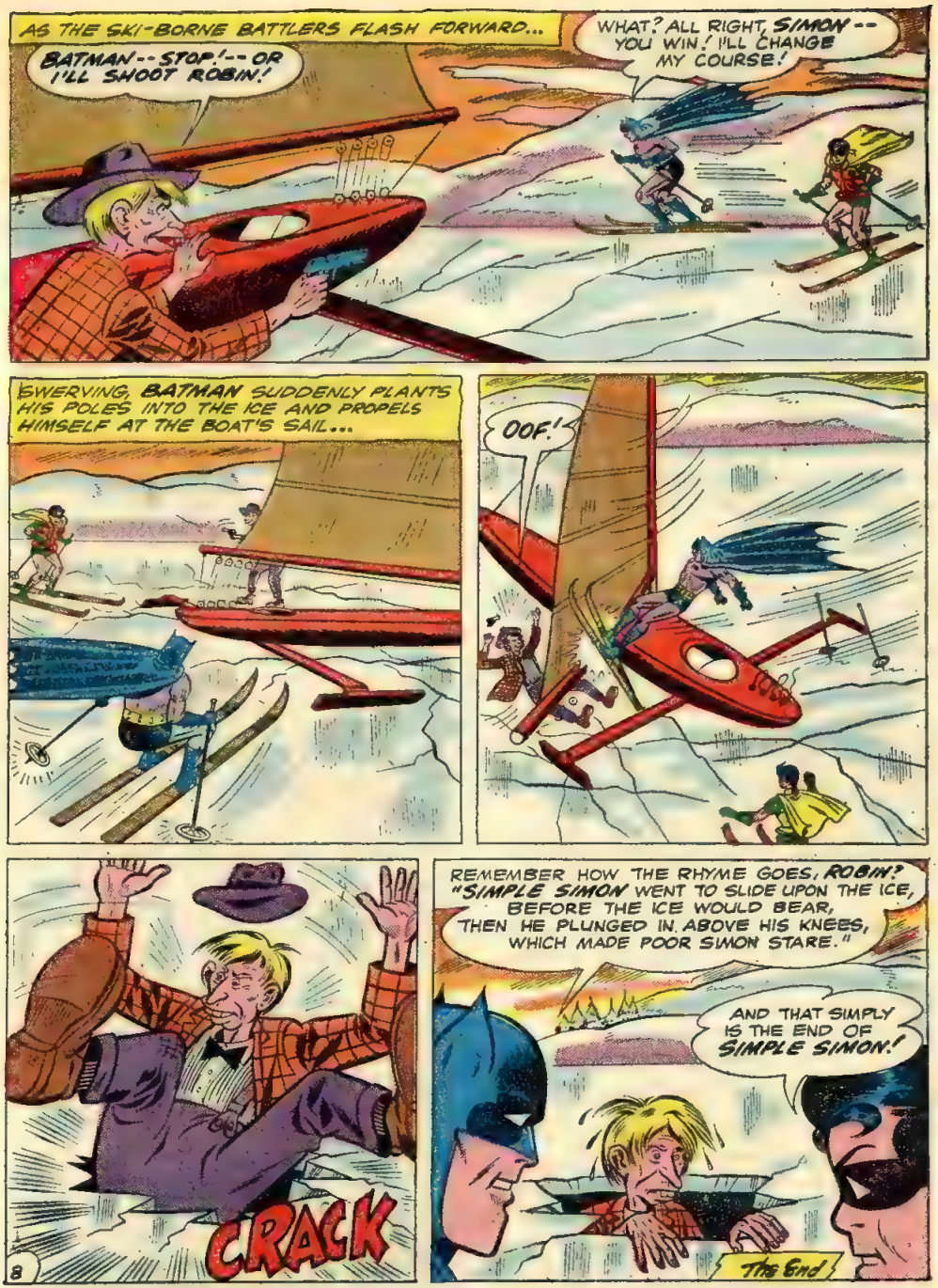

BEFORE THE BEWILDERED ONLOOKERS CAN RECOVER FROM SHOCK AND SURPRISE, THE ROBBERY HAS BEEN COMPLETED...
GOT THE MONEY! JUST LIKE THE RHYME SAYS, "SIMPLE SIMON MADE A GREAT SNOWBALL, AND BROUGHT IT IN TO ROAST..." MY SNOWBALL "BURNED" EVERYBODY UP! HAW!

ABRUPTLY, TWO CAPED AVENGERS SWOOP DOWN...
IT TOOK US A LITTLE TIME TO FIGURE OUT THE CLUE YOU DROPPED--BUT HERE WE ARE!


BATMAN AND ROBIN! THEM FELLERS IS ALLUS SPOILIN' THINGS FOR ME! NOW I'LL HAVE TO GIT AWAY ALONE!

HOPPING ABOARD A NEARBY ICE-BOAT, SIMPLE SIMON STREAKS AWAY...
NOW TO SLIDE ON THE ICE -- JUST LIKE THE RHYME SAYS! HAW, HAW!
THESE TWO WILL STAY ON ICE FOR AWHILE! LET'S GO AFTER THAT NOT-SO-SIMPLE SIMON!
HE'S TURNING -- HEADING FOR SHORE ... WHERE HE PROBABLY PARKED A GETAWAY CAR!
HMM ... EVEN BY CUTTING DIAGONALLY ACROSS THE ICE, WE CAN'T INTERCEPT HIM IN TIME -- BUT I'VE GOT AN IDEA!
THE CRIME-FIGHTERS RACE SHOREWARD AT AN ANGLE, UNTIL SUDDENLY...
OKAY, ROBIN, I THINK I'LL GO FISHING NOW! I'LL JUST OPEN A HOLE IN THE ICE RIGHT HERE!
FISHING -- NOW? WHAT KIND OF A SILLY IDEA IS THAT?
AS THE POLE POINT RAMS INTO THE ICE, FISSURES OPEN AND RADIATE...
CRACK!
AS ONE FISSURE CROSSES THE PATH OF THE ICE-BOAT...
A CRACK -- OPENED UNDERNEATH! A RUNNER'S CAUGHT IN IT! THE BOAT'S HEELING OVER!
I FIGURED I'D CATCH A POOR FISH!
HA, HA! YOU DID SOMETHING THAT LOOKED SILLY -- BUT WAS REALLY SMART!


AS THE SKI-BORNE BATTLERS FLASH FORWARD...
BATMAN--STOP!--OR I'LL SHOOT ROBIN!
WHAT? ALL RIGHT, SIMON--YOU WIN! I'LL CHANGE MY COURSE!
SWERVING, BATMAN SUDDENLY PLANTS HIS POLES INTO THE ICE AND PROPELS HIMSELF AT THE BOAT'S SAIL...
OOF!
CRACK
8
REMEMBER HOW THE RHYME GOES, ROBIN? "SIMPLE SIMON WENT TO SLIDE UPON THE ICE, BEFORE THE ICE WOULD BEAR, THEN HE PLUNGED IN ABOVE HIS KNEES, WHICH MADE POOR SIMON STARE."
AND THAT SIMPLY IS THE END OF SIMPLE SIMON!
The End

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Dear Editor: One of my friends claims that BATMAN and ROBIN carry spare emergency costumes in their UTILITY BELTS. Is this true? If so, how is it possible?

Sanford Oakley, Charleston, S. C.

(BATMAN and ROBIN do carry spare costumes in their UTILITY BELTS. These costumes are made of a unique plastic, pliable enough to fold to the size of a postage stamp. In the event their regular costumes are damaged, they can quickly switch to these plastic substitutes.—Ed.)

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Dear Editor: I know that BAT-MITE is strictly a fun-loving mischief-maker, who really admires BATMAN. I also know that his pranks sometimes get out of hand. What's the biggest headache he ever caused BATMAN and ROBIN?

Lisa Walters, New Britain, Conn.

(It's hard to say which was BAT-MITE'S greatest mischief, but in the MARCH issue of DETECTIVE COMICS, No. 289, you'll see the caped crimefighters' patience taxed to the bursting point, when that mischievous little imp uses his fantastic powers to help "THE BAT-MITE BANDITS."—Ed.)

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Dear Editor: Some years ago, I recall, you ran a story in which BATMAN identified a criminal by his typewriter. *I could never quite figure out how this was done. Aren't many typewriters exactly alike?*

Robert Weinstock, Bergenfield, N. J.

(Not quite, Robert. Though each manufacturer builds his typewriters according to the same specifications—type sizes and styles, spacing between letters and words, etc.—every typewriter has its own peculiarities. A loose screw in one of the keys can cause a letter to appear crooked. Weak springs can cause certain letters or numbers to print more lightly than others. As a matter of fact, the minutest difference in any of the moving parts shows up, to the expert eye, in the actual typing. By subjecting two typewritten pages to microscopic examination, then comparing the results, BATMAN was able to tell that they both came from the same typewriter.—Ed.)

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Dear Editor: How were BATMAN and ROBIN able to build up their vast knowledge of science, languages and all the other subjects that make them such skilled detectives?

Ray Bodkin, Sandusky, Ohio

(In addition to their daily physical and acrobatic training sessions, the caped crime-fighters are constantly adding to their mental prowess through reading and regular study sessions.—Ed.)

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Dear Editor: Since BATMAN and ROBIN make such a great team, is there any chance of BAT-WOMAN getting herself a young female sidekick?

Marian Philbrick, Las Vegas, Nev.

(A great suggestion, seconded by thousands of our readers. Keep your eyes peeled for the next issue of BATMAN COMICS, APRIL, No. 139, where we'll be "INTRODUCING BAT-GIRL!" —Ed.)

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Dear Editor: You once had a story in which ROBIN looked at the tips of a suspect's fingers, observed that they were very rough and irritated, and concluded that this man was a safecracker. How could he make such a quick deduction?

Sean O'Reilly, Galveston, Tex.

(In order to open a combination safe, the safecracker must feel the impulses of the tumblers beneath the dial as he turns it. Thus, he must keep his fingers highly sensitive, by scraping them with sandpaper.—Ed.)

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Dear Editor: BATMAN, ROBIN and SUPERMAN have met creatures from other worlds, other dimensions, and from the hidden depths of our own world. Have they ever faced one whose origin they just couldn't figure out?

Lefty Bullett, Aberdeen, Md.

(In the MARCH issue of WORLD'S FINEST COMICS, No. 116, the trio battles just such a menace in "THE CREATURE FROM BEYOND."—Ed.)

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With ROBIN THE BOY WONDER
IT SHOULD HAVE DIED THOUSANDS OF YEARS AGO... YET IT STILL LIVED--A MONSTER OF THE SEA THAT MENACED THE MODERN WORLD! ONLY TWO MIGHTY FIGHTERS WERE ABLE TO COMBAT THE OCEAN COLOSSUS! ONLY BATMAN AND ROBIN WERE FINALLY ABLE TO PENETRATE...
the SECRET OF THE SEA BEAST
BOB KANE
THE SEA BEAST'S TAIL HAS CHURNED THE WATER AND FLUNG ROBIN INTO THAT SEAWEED! HE'S HELPLESS!

AS STOCKBROKER HAL TORSON'S YACHT RIDES OUT OF GOTHAM BAY, ONE MORNING...

MR. TORSON--LOOK! D-DO YOU SEE IT, TOO?

GREAT SCOTT! IT'S SOME KIND OF SEA BEAST!

CRASH

HELP!

LATER, AS SOCIALITE BRUCE WAYNE AND HIS WARD, DICK GRAYSON, READ OF THE BEAST'S ATTACK...

"LIFEBOAT'S WERE LOWERED FROM THE CRIPPLED CRAFT, AND ALL PASSENGERS EXCEPT TORSON WERE RESCUED. TORSON WAS NEVER SEEN AGAIN."

GOSH, BRUCE--IF THAT SEA MONSTER IS AROUND GOTHAM BAY, MAYBE THE COAST GUARD CAN USE OUR HELP!

HASTENING TO THEIR SECRET BAT-CAVE, THEY DON THE FAMED CRIME-FIGHTING GARB OF... BATMAN AND ROBIN...

WE'LL TAKE ALONG OUR SKIN-DIVING OUTFITS! WE MAY NEED THEM IF WE SPOT THE SEA BEAST!

AND JUST AS THE BAT-PLANE JOINS THE GREAT SEARCH FOR THE SEA BEAST...

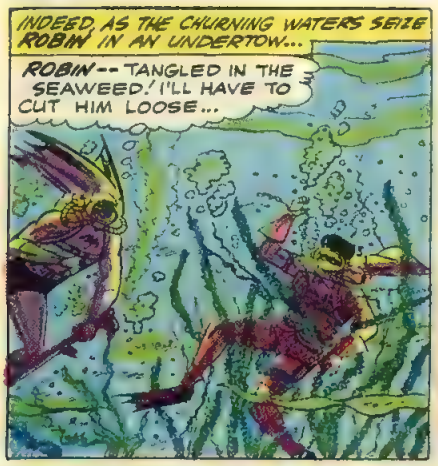
CALLING BATMAN AND ROBIN! SEA BEAST REPORTED ATTACKING THE LAUNCH OF LESTER GUINN NEAR LIGHTHOUSE POINT!

LESTER GUINN? THE FAMOUS LAWYER?

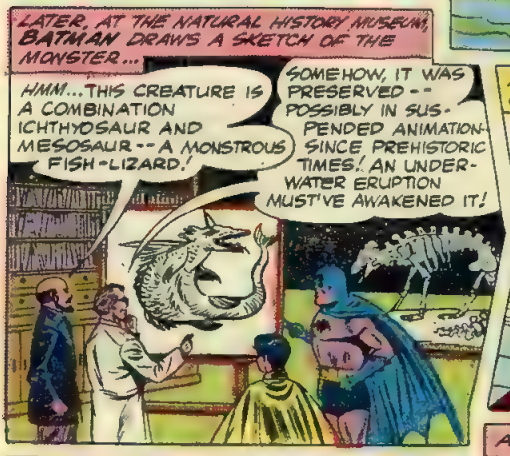
UPON REACHING THE SCENE...

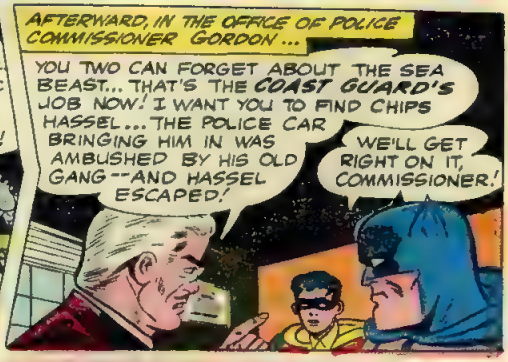
YOU'RE TOO LATE! THE SEA BEAST SMASHED GUINN'S LAUNCH! WE MANAGED TO SAVE EVERY PASSENGER EXCEPT GUINN!

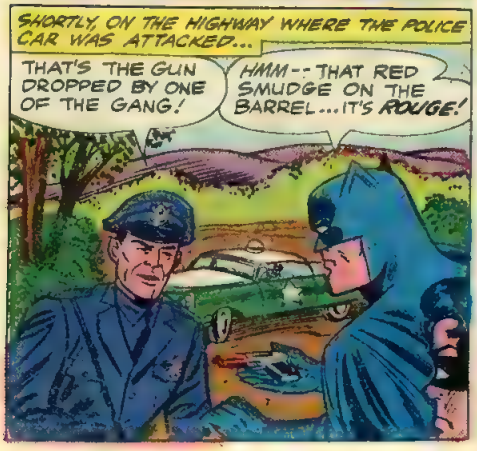
SWIFTLY, THE MASKED MANHUNTERS DON THEIR SKIN-DIVING OUTFITS, TO HUNT A CREATURE OF THE DEEP!
THE SEA BEAST SOUNDS DANGEROUS! I HOPE WE CAN STOP IT BEFORE IT CAUSES ANY MORE DESTRUCTION!
THERE IT IS! IT'S BIG... BUT MAYBE OUR SPEAR GUNS CAN FIND A VULNERABLE SPOT!
SILENTLY, BATMAN AND ROBIN CLOSE IN ON THEIR QUARRY, AND...
NOW!
HISSSS
HISSSS
GREAT SCOTT! ITS HIDE IS TOUGHER THAN AN ELEPHANTS! THE SPEARS JUST BOUNCED OFF!
IT'S SEEN US!
ABRUPTLY, THE BEAST'S GREAT TAIL LASHES OUT...
WHEW! THAT THING HAS THE FORCE OF A BLOCK-BUSTER!

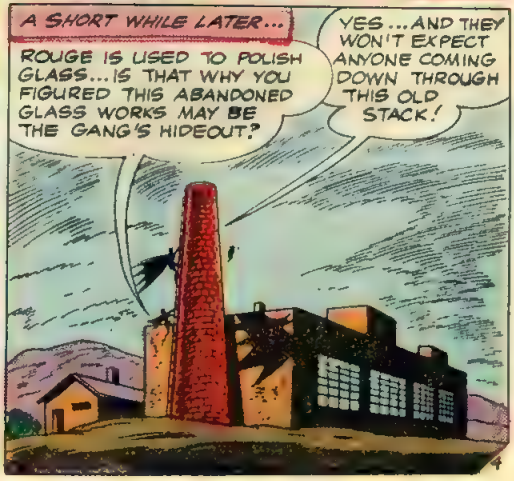

INDEED, AS THE CHURNING WATERS SEIZE ROBIN IN AN UNDERTOW...
ROBIN -- TANGLED IN THE SEAWEED! I'LL HAVE TO CUT HIM LOOSE...

SWIFT, SURE STROKES OF BATMAN'S KNIFE SAVE THE BOY WONDER'S LIFE...
NO CHANCE TO TACKLE THE SEA BEAST NOW! BESIDES, IT'LL TAKE MORE THAN SPEAR GUNS TO STOP THAT MONSTER!


LATER, AT THE NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUM, BATMAN DRAWS A SKETCH OF THE MONSTER...
HMM... THIS CREATURE IS A COMBINATION ICHTHYOSAUR AND MESOSAUR -- A MONSTROUS FISH-LIZARD!
SOMEHOW, IT WAS PRESERVED -- POSSIBLY IN SUSPENDED ANIMATION SINCE PREHISTORIC TIMES! AN UNDERWATER ERUPTION MUST'VE AWAKENED IT!

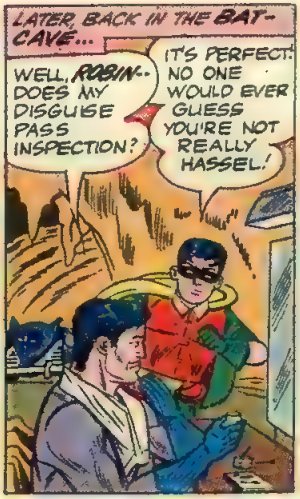

AFTERWARD, IN THE OFFICE OF POLICE COMMISSIONER GORDON...
YOU TWO CAN FORGET ABOUT THE SEA BEAST... THAT'S THE COAST GUARD'S JOB NOW! I WANT YOU TO FIND CHIPS HASSEL... THE POLICE CAR BRINGING HIM IN WAS AMBUSHED BY HIS OLD GANG -- AND HASSEL ESCAPED!
WE'LL GET RIGHT ON IT, COMMISSIONER!

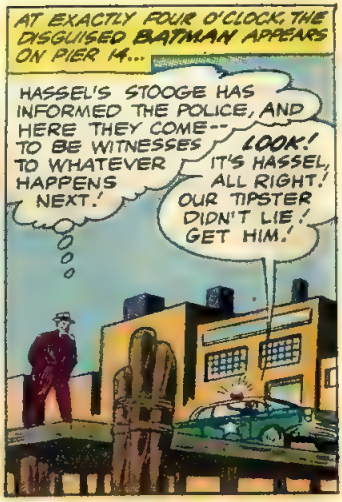

SHORTLY, ON THE HIGHWAY WHERE THE POLICE CAR WAS ATTACKED...
THAT'S THE GUN DROPPED BY ONE OF THE GANG!
HMM -- THAT RED SMUDGE ON THE BARREL... IT'S ROUGE!

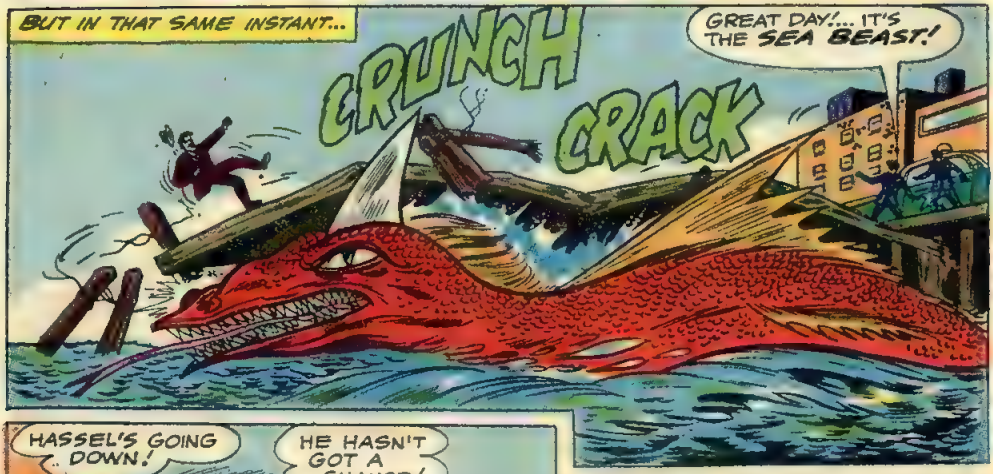

A SHORT WHILE LATER...
ROUGE IS USED TO POLISH GLASS... IS THAT WHY YOU FIGURED THIS ABANDONED GLASS WORKS MAY BE THE GANG'S HIDEOUT?
YES... AND THEY WON'T EXPECT ANYONE COMING DOWN THROUGH THIS OLD STACK!

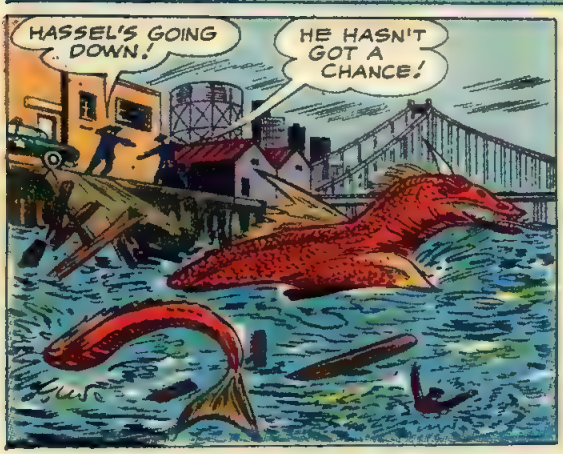
SOON, AS THEY EMERGE INSIDE...
YOU GOT IT STRAIGHT?... YOU'RE TO TELL THE POLICE I'LL BE AT PIER 14--AT FOUR O'CLOCK! I WANT THEM TO SEE ME FALLING INTO THE WATER!
HMM...
WELL, ROBIN--SOUNDS LIKE HASSEL'S GOT SOME TRICKS UP HIS SLEEVE!
BATMAN AND ROBIN--THEY OVERHEARD ME... GRAB 'EM!
AS GUNS ROAR, THE CRIME-FIGHTERS LEAP BEHIND A STEEL ROLLER USED TO FLATTEN MOLTEN GLASS...
OUR SLUGS CAN'T TOUCH 'EM BECAUSE OF THAT BLASTED ROLLER!
ZING!
BANG
CLANK
BANG
NOW YOU'LL SEE HOW WE CAN ROLL OUR HANDS INTO FISTS!
AS HASSEL TRIES TO ESCAPE...
HASSEL, YOU'RE DUE FOR A TUSSLE!

AND WITH THE GANG IN TOW...
WE'LL HAVE TO SNEAK THESE BOYS INTO PRISON, BECAUSE I DON'T WANT ANYONE TO KNOW HASSEL HAS BEEN CAPTURED.. NOT UNTIL I CHECK A SUSPICION OF MINE!


LATER BACK IN THE BAT-CAVE...
WELL, ROBIN-- DOES MY DISGUISE PASS INSPECTION?
IT'S PERFECT! NO ONE WOULD EVER GUESS YOU'RE NOT REALLY HASSEL!

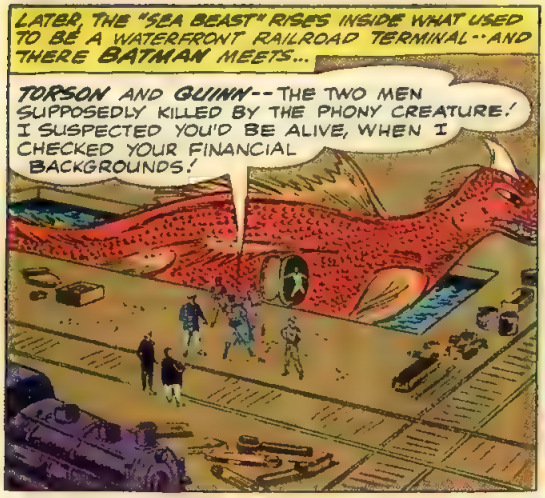

AT EXACTLY FOUR O'CLOCK, THE DISGUISED BATMAN APPEARS ON PIER 14...
HASSEL'S STOOGE HAS INFORMED THE POLICE, AND HERE THEY COME-- TO BE WITNESSES TO WHATEVER HAPPENS NEXT!
LOOK! IT'S HASSEL, ALL RIGHT! OUR TIPSTER DIDN'T LIE! GET HIM!

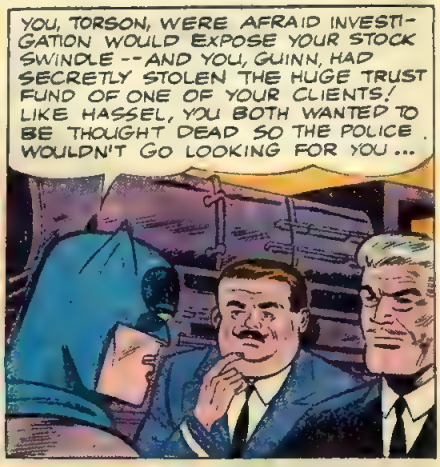

BUT IN THAT SAME INSTANT...
CRUNCH
CRACK
GREAT DAY!... IT'S THE SEA BEAST!

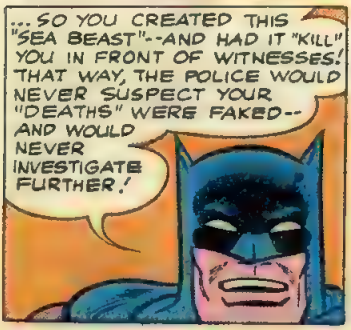

HASSEL'S GOING DOWN!
HE HASN'T GOT A CHANCE!

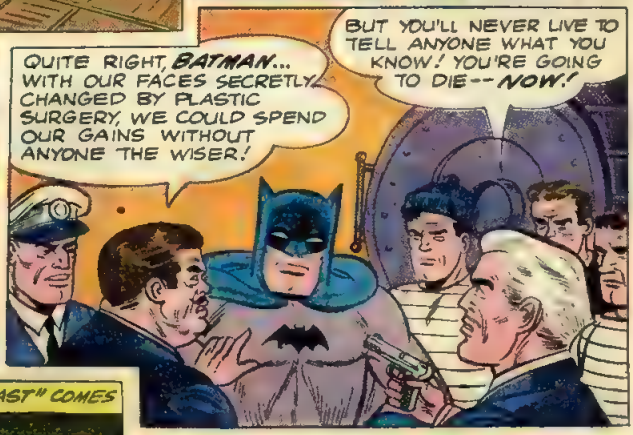
H-HE'S GONE!
POOR GUY... WE MIGHT AS WELL WRITE HIM OFF THE BOOKS! HE'S ONE CROOK WE'LL NEVER HAVE TO LOOK FOR ANYMORE!

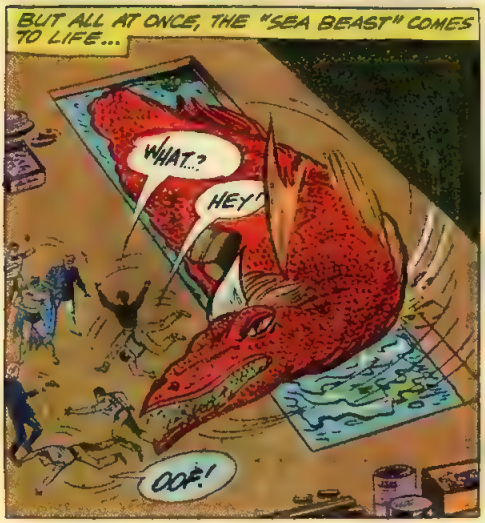
BUT AT THIS VERY MOMENT, BELOW THE SURFACE...
A HATCH--OPENING IN THE "SEA BEAST!" I WAS RIGHT... THIS "CREATURE" IS A MAN-MADE MACHINE! I'LL DO WHAT'S EXPECTED OF THE REAL HASSEL... I'LL SWIM INTO THAT AIR LOCK!
AND AS BATMAN ENTERS THE MECHANICAL MONSTER...
WELL, HASSEL--EVERYTHING WENT ACCORDING TO PLAN! WELCOME ABOARD!
BUT UNEXPECTEDLY...
HEY!... YOUR FACE--IT'S FALLING APART! THAT'S MAKEUP... YOU'RE NOT HASSEL!
UH-OH... EVEN MY WATERPROOF MAKEUP COULDN'T WITHSTAND THE FORCE OF THE CHURNING WATER!
ONLY ONE THING TO DO... GET BACK INTO MY COSTUME BEFORE THEY SEE MY REAL FACE!
WHAT--? HE TURNED OFF THE LIGHTS!
CLICK!
BY THE TIME THE LIGHTS GO ON AGAIN...
IT'S BATMAN!
BUT THE FIGHT IS SHORT-LIVED, AS...
OOF! TOO MANY OF THEM TO HANDLE!
NOW LET'S GET HIM TO OUR HIDEOUT!

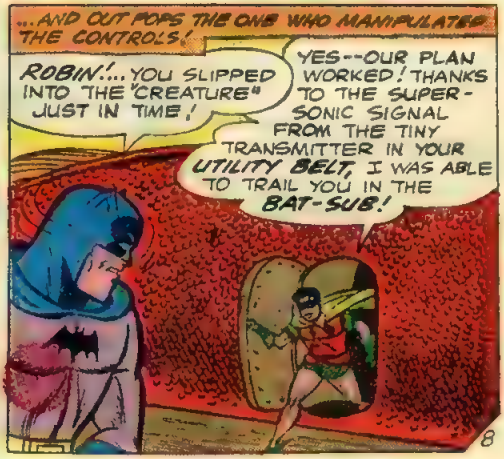

LATER, THE "SEA BEAST" RISES INSIDE WHAT USED TO BE A WATERFRONT RAILROAD TERMINAL--AND THERE BATMAN MEETS...
TORSON AND GUINN--THE TWO MEN SUPPOSEDLY KILLED BY THE PHONY CREATURE! I SUSPECTED YOU'D BE ALIVE, WHEN I CHECKED YOUR FINANCIAL BACKGROUNDS!


YOU, TORSON, WERE AFRAID INVESTIGATION WOULD EXPOSE YOUR STOCK SWINDLE--AND YOU, GUINN, HAD SECRETLY STOLEN THE HUGE TRUST FUND OF ONE OF YOUR CLIENTS! LIKE HASSEL, YOU BOTH WANTED TO BE THOUGHT DEAD SO THE POLICE WOULDN'T GO LOOKING FOR YOU...


...SO YOU CREATED THIS "SEA BEAST"--AND HAD IT "KILL" YOU IN FRONT OF WITNESSES! THAT WAY, THE POLICE WOULD NEVER SUSPECT YOUR "DEATHS" WERE FAKED--AND WOULD NEVER INVESTIGATE FURTHER!


QUITE RIGHT, BATMAN... WITH OUR FACES SECRETLY CHANGED BY PLASTIC SURGERY, WE COULD SPEND OUR GAINS WITHOUT ANYONE THE WISER!
BUT YOU'LL NEVER LIVE TO TELL ANYONE WHAT YOU KNOW! YOU'RE GOING TO DIE--NOW!


BUT ALL AT ONCE, THE "SEA BEAST" COMES TO LIFE...
WHAT?
HEY!
OOF!


...AND OUT POPS THE ONE WHO MANIPULATED THE CONTROLS!
ROBIN!... YOU SLIPPED INTO THE "CREATURE" JUST IN TIME!
YES--OUR PLAN WORKED! THANKS TO THE SUPER-SONIC SIGNAL FROM THE TINY TRANSMITTER IN YOUR UTILITY BELT, I WAS ABLE TO TRAIL YOU IN THE BAT-SUB!

SHOOT THEM! IF THEY ESCAPE, WE'RE FINISHED!
YOU'RE FINISHED ANYHOW, PAL!
AT THAT INSTANT, ROBIN LEAPS FOR A DANGLING HOIST CHAIN...
GET ROBIN!
HOW CAN WE? HE HOPS AROUND LIKE A MONKEY!
AND AS THE BOY WONDER YANKS THE LEVER OF A COAL BUNKER...
AND THIS JUST ABOUT BURIES THE CROOKED PLANS OF YOU CROOKED "GHOSTS!"
UHHH
WHAT...?
AND SO, PRESENTLY, TWO UNIQUE CRAFT BEGIN THE VOYAGE HOME...
HAVE ANY TROUBLE HANDLING THE CONTROLS, BATMAN!
NO TROUBLE WITH THE "SEA BEAST"-- OR WITH MY HAND-CUFFED CARGO! WE'LL UNLOAD THEM AT OUR NEXT PORT--GOTHAM ISLAND PRISON!
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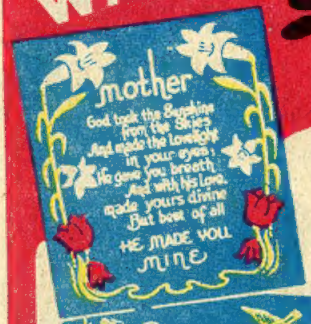
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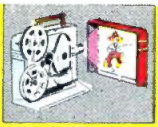
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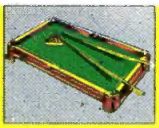
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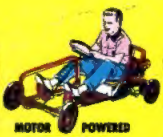
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